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26 JULY 1983**EXPORT OF REFURBISHED ROMANIAN M-1978 TANKS TO EGYPT (SWN)**

1. **SIGNIFICANCE:** ANALYSIS OF THE MIZIL ARMORED VEHICLE REPAIR A DEVELOPMENT PLANT () INDICATES THAT THE ROMANIANS ARE PROBABLY REFURBISHING USED M-1978 TANKS FOR EXPORT TO EGYPT. (SWN) 25X1

2. **REMARKS:** SINCE LATE FEBRUARY 1983, INCREASING NUMBERS OF DARK-TONED M-1978 TANKS HAVE BEEN PARKED ADJACENT TO A LARGE WORKSHOP AT THE PLANT. THESE TANKS WERE BROUGHT INTO THE WORKSHOP FOR REFURBISHMENT WHICH INCLUDED THE APPLICATION OF A LIGHT-TONED, DESERT PAINT SCHEME. DURING MARCH, LIGHT-TONED M-1978 TANKS WERE FIRST OBSERVED AT THE PLANT. ON () ONE LIGHT-TONED M-1978 WAS EXITING THE WORKSHOP IN THE DIRECTION OF THE SHIPPING YARD. SINCE LIGHT-TONED M-1978 TANKS ARE NOT KNOWN TO BE IN THE ROMANIAN INVENTORY, THESE TANKS ARE PROBABLY FOR EXPORT TO EGYPT. (SWN) 25X1

THE TIME FRAME OF RECENT M-1978 SIGHTINGS AT MIZIL AND THE SHIPPING OF THOSE TANKS CORRELATES WITH THE ARRIVAL OF M-1978 TANKS IN EGYPT. THE NUMBER OF LIGHT-TONED M-1978 AT MIZIL DECREASED FROM AT LEAST SIX ON () TO ZERO ON () 25X1
TWENTY-NINE PROBABLE M-1978 WERE AT AL ISKANDARIYAH PORT FACILITIES () THIS WAS PROBABLY THE 25X1
FIRST SHIPMENT OF M-1978 TANKS FROM ROMANIA TO EGYPT. BETWEEN () A SECOND AND POSSIBLY A THIRD SHIPMENT 25X1
LEFT MIZIL. A HIGH COUNT OF 20 LIGHT-TONED M-1978 TANKS WERE AT MIZIL ON () APPROXIMATELY 80 M-1978 TANKS HAVE BEEN 25X1
DELIVERED TO EGYPT AND ARE BEING TEMPORARILY STORED AT AL MAADI ORDNANCE MAINTENANCE AND STORAGE DEPOT SE () 25X1
(SWN)

ANALYST'S COMMENTS -- COLLATERAL INFORMATION INDICATES THAT A CONTRACT FOR THE DELIVERY OF 200 M-1978 TANKS HAS BEEN SIGNED BETWEEN ROMANIA AND EGYPT WITH DELIVERY BEGINNING IN APRIL 1983. THE M-1978 TANKS EXPORTED TO EGYPT ARE PROBABLY USED TANKS FROM THE ROMANIAN INVENTORY RATHER THAN NEW TANKS.

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ONLY PROTOTYPE AND EARLY M-1978 PRODUCTION OCCURRED AT MIZIL. SERIES PRODUCTION OF THE M-1978 WAS SWITCHED TO BUCURESTI STEEL AND RAILROAD EQUIPMENT PLANT [REDACTED] 35 NM SW 25X1 OF MIZIL, DURING 1981. MIZIL PRESENTLY IS ENGAGED IN REPAIRING/REFURBISHING TANKS AND SELF-PROPELLED GUNS. IF NEWLY PRODUCED TANKS WERE BEING EXPORTED TO EGYPT LIGHT-TONED TANKS WOULD MOST LIKELY BE SHIPPED DIRECTLY FROM THE BUCURESTI PLANT; HOWEVER, THERE HAVE BEEN NO LIGHT-TONED M-1978 TANKS OBSERVED AT BUCURESTI. (SWN/NOFORN) [REDACTED] 25X1

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